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# Welcome to the Small Business Tax Workshop

Lesson 1



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# Agenda

Introduction

Employer Identification Number

Record Keeping

Income Statement and Balance
 Sheet -- Accounting Methods



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# Agenda (cont'd)

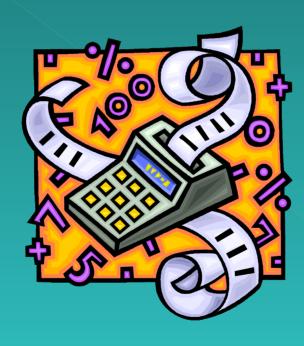
- Types of Business Organizations
- Business Returns
- ◆ Net Profit or Loss
- Business Deductions and Credits



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# **Employer Identification Number**





# **Employer Identification Number**

- May be required to identify your business for filing with the IRS
- Apply for one by
  - logging on at www.irs.gov
  - phoning the IRS toll free number or
  - completing Form SS-4 -- Application for Federal Identification Number



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# Record Keeping



You must be able to substantiate income, deductions and credits



# Record Keeping

## Good records can help you:

- Identify the source of receipts
- Prevent omission of deductible expenses
- Establish earnings for self-employment tax
- Explain items on the income tax return



# Special Rules For Record Keeping

For travel, transportation, entertainment, business gifts and certain other business property, you must be able to substantiate:

- the amount you are claiming
- the time and the place of the expenditure
- the business purpose
- your business relationship to others involved



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# How Long to Keep Records?

Keep your records as long as their contents may be material in the administration of any Internal Revenue Service law



# **How Long is That?**

# Tax Returns & Supporting Records The later of...

- 3 years after the return is due
- 3 years after the return is filed
- 2 years after the tax is paid

# **Employment Tax Records**The later of....

- 4 years after the return is due
- 4 years after the return is filed
- 4 years after the tax is paid



# Records to Keep Indefinitely

Change in method of accounting

Establish the basis of property



# **Bookkeeping/Accounting Methods**

- Open a separate business bank account to maintain accounting efficiency
- Use the single or double entry system of bookkeeping
- On your return use the same accounting method you use to keep your records (cash or accrual)



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# **Bookkeeping Systems**

## Single Entry

- Summaries of income and expense
- Simple
- Not a complete accounting system

## **Double Entry**

- Built-in checks and balances
- Self-balancing
- More accurate



# **Accounting Methods**

#### Cash

- Report all income the year you receive it
- Usually deduct expenses in the year paid

#### Accrual

- Report income the year you earn it
- Deduct expenses the year you incur them



## Cash Method for Small Businesses

- Gross receipts of \$10 million or less?
- Not manufacturing, wholesale, retail, mining, certain publishing, certain sound recording (unless principally service business or doing certain kinds of custom manufacturing)?
- ◆ If yes -- may be able to use cash method -- see
  - IR-2001-114
  - Notice 2001-76
  - Rev. Proc. 99-49
  - · I.R.B. 1999-52



# Computerized Record Keeping

- Many commercial software packages are available in retail stores that can help you with your business record keeping
- If you use a computerized system, you must be able to:
  - produce legible records from the system
  - to provide the information needed to
  - determine your correct tax liability



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## Income Statement & Balance Sheet





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## **Definitions**

#### **Income Statement**

- Income
- Expenses

## Cash Flow Analysis

Shows how money comes in and leaves your company

#### **Balance Sheet**

- Assets
- Liabilities
- Net Worth (Capital)



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# Types of Business Organizations



and Returns



# Types of Business Organizations

- Sole Proprietorship
- Partnership
- Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- Corporations/S Corporations



# Sole Proprietorship

- Easy to start
- Unlimited liability -- no distinction between the individual and the business
- Cannot be an employee of your own business
- Business income/losses reported on owner's Form 1040, Schedule C; self-employment tax on Schedule SE



## **Partnerships**

- Written partnership agreement
- One partner can legally bind the partnership (and the other partner)
- Business income and losses reported on Form 1065; partner's share on Schedule K-1; profits taxed on the partners' returns
- Must have an Employer Identification Number (EIN)



## **LLCs and LLPs**

- Separate legal entity formed by filing articles of organization with your State
- Not a federal tax entity-- generally treated as a sole-proprietor or partnership by IRS
- Limited liability for members
- Little legal precedent



# **S** Corporation

 Corporation pays no tax on income -- taxed on the shareholders' returns

Files Form 2553 and Form 1120S

 Active officers should receive wages and a W-2

Limited personal liability with no double taxation



## Corporation

- Separate legal entity that pays its own tax
- ◆ Files Form 1120 or Form 1120-A
- Limited liability
- Double taxation on dividends
- Can easily be changed to S-Corporation
- Subject to many state and federal controls



## **Business Returns**

- Sole Proprietor -- Form 1040 Schedule C or C/EZ, Schedule SE and Form 1040ES
- ◆ Partnership Form 1065
- ◆ S Corporation Form 1120S
- → Corporation- Form 1120 or 1120-A

#### SCHEDULE C (Form 1040)

#### **Profit or Loss From Business**

(Sole Proprietorship)

▶ Partnerships, joint ventures, etc., must file Form 1065 or Form 1065-B.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of proprietor

► Attach to Form 1040 or Form 1041. ► See Instructions for Schedule C (Form 1040).

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A	Principal business or profession, including product or service (see page C-1 of the instructions)  Retail Furniture						B Enter code from pages C-7 & 8    4   4   2   1   1   0		
С	John's Furniture Mart						oyer ID number (EIN), if 0   1   0   1   0   1		
E	Business address (including suite or room no.)   City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code  Lake City, Maryland 21235								
F G H	If you started or acquired this b	in the	operation of this busir	ness d	(3) ☐ Other (specify) ►uring 2001? If "No," see page C-2 for	limit on	losses _ Ves	No	
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2	Returns and allowances					2	48,000	00	
3						3	28,200	00	
4	Cost of goods sold (from line 42	on p	age 2)			-	28,200	- 00	
_	Construction A form	6				5	19,800	00	
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Par					our home <b>only</b> on line 30.				
8	Advertising	8	200	00	19 Pension and profit-sharing plans	19			
					20 Rent or lease (see page C-4):				
9	Bad debts from sales or services (see page C-3)	9	150	00	a Vehicles, machinery, and equipment _	20a			
10					<b>b</b> Other business property	20b			
10	Car and truck expenses	10	2,000	00	21 Repairs and maintenance	21	300	00	
11	(see page C-3) Commissions and fees	11	•		22 Supplies (not included in Part III)	22			
12	D I-ti	12			23 Taxes and licenses	23	1,300	00	
				Ш	24 Travel, meals, and entertainment				
13	Depreciation and section 179				a Travel	24a			
	expense deduction (not included in Part III) (see page C-3)	13	200	00	<b>b</b> Meals and				
14	Employee benefit programs				entertainment				
14	(other than on line 19)	14			c Enter nondeduct-				
15	Insurance (other than health)	15	1,000	00	ible amount in-				
16	Interest:				cluded on line 24b (see page C-5)				
. а	Mortgage (paid to banks, etc.)	16a			d Subtract line 24c from line 24b	24d			
b	Other	16b			25 Utilities	25	500	00	
17	Legal and professional				26 Wages (less employment credits) _	26	5,000	00	
	services	17			27 Other expenses (from line 48 on				
18	Office expense	18	300	00	page 2)	27	50	00	
28	Total expenses before expense	s for I	ousiness use of home.	Add I	ines 8 through 27 in columns	28	11,000	00	
29	Tentative profit (loss). Subtract I	ine 20	from line 7			29	8,800	00	
30	Expenses for business use of yo			9		30			
31	Net profit or (loss). Subtract lin			-					
٠.	• If a profit, enter on Form 1040, line 12, and also on Schedule SE, line 2 (statutory employees,								
	see page C-5). Estates and trusts, enter on Form 1041, line 3.						8,800	00	
	• If a loss, you must go to line 32.					31			
32			describes your invest	ment i	in this activity (see page C-6)				
	If you have a loss, check the box that describes your investment in this activity (see page C-6).  • If you checked 32a, enter the loss on Form 1040, line 12, and also on Schedule SE, line 2					32a	All investment is at	risk	
	(statutory employees, see page C-5). Estates and trusts, enter on Form 1041, line 3.						Some investment is		
	If you checked 32b, you must attach Form 6198.					at risk.			

#### SCHEDULE SE (Form 1040)

#### Self-Employment Tax

► See Instructions for Schedule SE (Form 1040).

► Attach to Form 1040.

O. Attachment Sequence No. 17
Social security number of person

Department of the Treasury nternal Revenue Service (9 Name of person with :

Name of person with self-employment income (as shown on Form 1040)

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with **self-employment** income ▶

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#### Who Must File Schedule SE

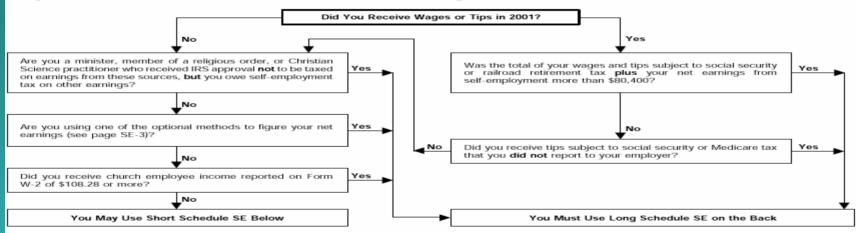
You must file Schedule SE if:

- You had net earnings from self-employment from other than church employee income (line 4 of Short Schedule SE or line 4c of Long Schedule SE) of \$400 or more or
- You had church employee income of \$108.28 or more. Income from services you performed as a minister or a member of a religious order is not church employee income. See page SE-1.

**Note.** Even if you had a loss or a small amount of income from self-employment, it may be to your benefit to file Schedule SE and use either "optional method" in Part II of Long Schedule SE. See page SE-3.

**Exception.** If your only self-employment income was from earnings as a minister, member of a religious order, or Christian Science practitioner **and** you filed Form 4361 and received IRS approval not to be taxed on those earnings, **do not** file Schedule SE. Instead, write "Exempt-Form 4361" on Form 1040, line 53.

#### May I Use Short Schedule SE or Must I Use Long Schedule SE?



Section A-Short Schedule SE. Caution. Read above to see if you can use Short Schedule SE.

1 Net farm profit or (loss) from Schedule F, line 36, and farm partnerships, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), line 15a Net profit or (loss) from Schedule C, line 31; Schedule C-EZ, line 3; Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), line 15a (other than farming); and Schedule K-1 (Form 1065-B), box 9. Ministers and members of religious orders, see page SE-1 for amounts to report on this line. See page SE-2 for other 8.800 2 3 8.800 Combine lines 1 and 2 . . . 3 Net earnings from self-employment. Multiply line 3 by 92.35% (.9235). If less than \$400, 8.127 4 do not file this schedule; you do not owe self-employment tax Self-employment tax. If the amount on line 4 is: \$80,400 or less, multiply line 4 by 15.3% (.153). Enter the result here and on 1.243 Form 1040, line 53. More than \$80,400, multiply line 4 by 2.9% (.029). Then, add \$9,969.60 to the result. Enter the total here and on Form 1040, line 53. Deduction for one-half of self-employment tax. Multiply line 5 by

50% (.5). Enter the result here and on Form 1040, line 27

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## **Net Profit or Loss**





## Net Profit or Loss -- Definitions

#### Gross Receipts or Sales is income

- that a business receives
- from the sale of its products and services

Net Receipts/Sales =
Gross Receipt/Sales - Returns and Allowances



## Net Profit & Loss Definitions (cont'd)

<u>Cost of Goods Sold</u> is the cost to a business to buy and make the product to be sold.

Cost of Goods Sold =
Beginning Inventory + Purchases, Labor, Materials and
Other Costs - Ending Inventory

Gross Profit =
Net Receipts/Sales - Cost of Goods Sold



## Net Profit & Loss Definitions (cont'd)

Gross Income =
Gross Profit + Other Income

## Business Expenses are the

- ordinary and necessary expenses
- incurred in the operation of the business



## **Net Profit or Loss -- Definitions**

## Net Profit or Loss is the amount by which:

- gross income for a period
- is more (or less) than
- business expenses and depreciation
- for the same period

Net Profit or (Loss) = Gross Income - Expenses



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# **Business Deductions & Credits**





## **Business Deductions & Credits**

 Deductions are subtracted from income

Credits are subtracted from tax



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# Travel and Transportation

### **Travel Expenses**

- incurred in travelling away from home
- for business

### **Transportation Expenses**

- incurred in the course of your business
- while you are not away from home
- while getting from one workplace to another
- not commuting



# **Entertainment and Gift Expenses**

- Must be ordinary and necessary
- Must be able to prove them
- See Pub. 463 Travel, Entertainment,
   Gift and Car Expenses for details



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# Car Expenses

## Standard Mileage Rate

Use the standard mileage rate for the current year

You can change from ....

the standard mileage rate to actual costs

### **Actual Costs**

Use actual costs – prorate business/personal You cannot change from....

actual costs to the standard mileage rate



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# Depreciation

Depreciation allows you to deduct the cost or other basis of some property over a number of years

## Depreciable property does not include:

- land
- inventory
- property placed into service and disposed of in the same year.



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# **Depreciation Requirements**

## The property must:

- Be used in business or held for the production of income
- Have a determinable useful life longer than one year and
- Be something that wears out, decays, gets used up, becomes obsolete, etc.



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## **MACRS**

# MACRS Modified Accellerated Cost Recovery System

 Most tangible property placed in service after 1986 is depreciated under MACRS

◆ See Publication 946



## Section 179

 Deduct the cost of certain depreciable property in the year you purchase it and place it in service

 Deduct the total cost (up to the annual limit) in the first year

Compute the deduction on Form 4562

See Publication 946



# Other Kinds of Expenses

- Retirement plan costs
- Percentage of the amount paid for medical insurance for yourself or your family

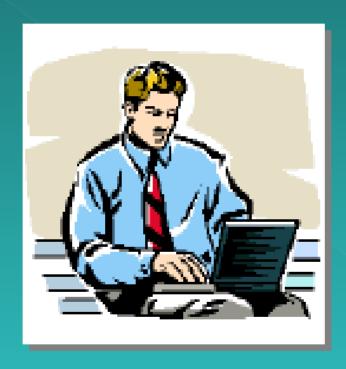
 Start-up costs incurred before you start your business operations



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# Self-Employment Tax



and Estimated Taxes



# Schedule SE -- Self-Employment Tax

- Use the rate for the current year
- Provides Social Security coverage
- Subject to SE if Net Profit is \$400 or more
- Use the maximum earnings cut-off for the current year



# Schedule SE -- Multiple Businesses

If you have more than one business....

- Use one Schedule SE
- Combine the profits and losses from
- All of your businesses



# Self-Employment/Social Security Tax

## **Self-Employment Tax**

- Self-employed people (sole proprietors)
- Partners in a partnership

## **Social Security Tax**

- Withheld from employees' wages
- Matched by employer

Social Security maximum applies to the person



## **Estimated Tax**

- Estimate how much your tax liability will be for the current year
- Use Form 1040-ES (Estimated Tax for Individuals) worksheet to see if you will need to make estimated deposits
- You do not need to pay Estimated Tax if you reasonably expect your tax due to be less than \$1,000 (after withholding and other credits)



## Internal Revenue Service 2002 Estimated Tax Worksheet (keep for your records)

	2002 Estimated Tax Tronkshoot (Reap for year feet	,	
1	Enter amount of adjusted gross income you expect in 2002 (see instructions)	1	50000
2	<ul> <li>If you plan to itemize deductions, enter the estimated total of your itemized deductions.</li> <li>Caution: If line 1 above is over \$137,300 (\$68,650 if married filing separately), your</li> </ul>		
	deduction may be reduced. See Pub. 505 for details.	2	7850
	If you do not plan to itemize deductions, see Standard Deduction on page 2 and		
	enter your standard deduction here.		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	42150
4	Exemptions. Multiply \$3,000 by the number of personal exemptions. If you can be claimed as a dependent		
	on another person's 2002 return, your personal exemption is not allowed. Caution: See Pub. 505 to		
	figure the amount to enter if line 1 above is over: \$206,000 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er);	4	9000
_	\$171,650 if head of household; \$137,300 if single; or \$103,000 if married filing separately	5	33150
5	Subtract line 4 from line 3	-	55.55
6	<b>Tax.</b> Figure your tax on the amount on line 5 by using the <b>2002 Tax Rate Schedules</b> on page 2. <b>Caution:</b> If you have a net capital gain, see Pub. 505 to figure the tax	6	4373
7	Alternative minimum tax from Form 6251	7	
8	Add lines 6 and 7. Also include any tax from Forms 4972 and 8814 and any recapture of the		
Ĭ	education credits (see instructions)	8	4373
9	Credits (see instructions). Do not include any income tax withholding on this line	9	600
10	Subtract line 9 from line 8. If zero or less, enter -0-	10	3773
11	Self-employment tax (see instructions). Estimate of 2002 net earnings from self-employment		
	\$; if \$84,900 or less, multiply the amount by 15.3%; if more than \$84,900,		
	multiply the amount by 2.9%, add \$10,527.60 to the result, and enter the total. <b>Caution:</b> If you	11	6120
12	also have wages subject to social security tax, see Pub. 505 to figure the amount to enter	12	0.20
12	Other taxes (see instructions)	13a	9893
	Earned income credit, additional child tax credit, and credit from Form 4136.	13b	
	Total 2002 estimated tax. Subtract line 13b from line 13a. If zero or less, enter -0-	13c	9893
	Multiply line 13c by 90% (66%% for farmers and fishermen) 14a 8904		
	Enter the tax shown on your 2001 tax return (112% of that amount if		
	you are not a farmer or fisherman and the adjusted gross income		
	shown on line 34 of that return is more than \$150,000 or, if married		
	filing separately for 2002, more than \$75,000)	14c	8000
С	Required annual payment to avoid a penalty. Enter the smaller of line 14a or 14b	140	
	Caution: Generally, if you do not prepay (through income tax withholding and estimated tax		
	payments) at least the amount on line 14c, you may owe a penalty for not paying enough estimated tax. To avoid a penalty, make sure your estimate on line 13c is as accurate as possible. Even if		
	you pay the required annual payment, you may still owe tax when you file your return. If you		
	prefer, you may pay the amount shown on line 13c. For details, see Pub. 505.		
15	Income tax withheld and estimated to be withheld during 2002 (including income tax withholding		
	on pensions, annuities, certain deferred income, etc.)	15	4500
16	Subtract line 15 from line 14c. (Note: If zero or less or line 13c minus line 15 is less than \$1,000,	10	3500
17	stop here. You are not required to make estimated tax payments.)	16	3500
17	If the first payment you are required to make is due April 15, 2002, enter ¼ of line 16 (minus any 2001 overpayment that you are applying to this installment) here, and on your payment voucher(s)		
	if you are paying by check or money order. (Note: Household employers, see instructions.)	17	875
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# **Need More Information?**

- → Publication 3207 -- Small Business Resource Guide CD
- ◆ Publication 463 -- Travel, Entertainment, Gift and Car
- → Publication 534 -- Self Employment Tax
- → Website: <u>www.irs.gov</u>
- 1-800-829-4933 -- Business and Specialty Tax Line